

APPEAL NO. 040165
FILED MARCH 15, 2004

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on December 15, 2003. The hearing officer determined that the compensable injury of _____, does not extend to or include a herniated disc at L3-4. The appellant (claimant) appeals this determination on sufficiency of the evidence grounds. The respondent (carrier) urges affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The hearing officer did not err in determining that the compensable injury of _____, does not extend to or include a herniated disc at L3-4. This determination involved a question of fact for the hearing officer to resolve. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence (Section 410.165(a)) and, as the trier of fact, resolves the conflicts and inconsistencies in the evidence, including the medical evidence (Texas Employers Insurance Association v. Campos, 666 S.W.2d 286 (Tex. App.-Houston [14th Dist.] 1984, no writ)). In view of the evidence presented, we cannot conclude that the hearing officer's determination is so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986).

The decision and order of the hearing officer is affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **THE GRAY INSURANCE COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

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Edward Vilano
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Gary L. Kilgore
Appeals Judge

Margaret L. Turner
Appeals Judge